

**ROANNE L. MANN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

DATE: September 23, 2010
START: 3:00 PM
END: 4:15 pm

DOCKET NO: 07-CV-2994 (SJ)

CASE: Bell, et al. v. The City of New York, et al.

INITIAL CONFERENCE
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 TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

FOR PLAINTIFF:

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FOR DEFENDANT:

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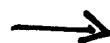
NEXT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR

JOINT PRE-TRIAL ORDER TO BE FILED VIA ECF BY

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RULINGS: PLEASE TYPE THE FOLLOWING ON DOCKET SHEET

The Court conducts a follow-up settlement conference to address the timing of payment to the Bell plaintiffs, as well as the reasonableness of the attorneys' fees requested in connection with counsels' representation of the Bell plaintiffs. In response to concerns expressed by the Court, including counsels' failure to maintain contemporaneous time records, counsel agree to reduce their fees to \$750,000. Ms. Bell agrees to this amount, which is approved by the Court.



Plaintiffs' counsel will revise the proposed order, allocating the additional sums resulting from the fee reduction to the two custodial accounts for the benefit of the infant Bell plaintiffs.

The Clerk shall expedite payment, so that the annuities described in the petition can be purchased by October 30, 2010.

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APPEARANCES

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Michael Hardy

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Scott Rynecki

Nicole Paultre-Bell/with Mother

Brian Schachter (FY Settlement Services)

DEFENDANT:

CITY:

Caryn Rosencrantz